

Nine Opens for Business

By ADAM SWIFT

If you're wondering what happened to your favorite design, antique, floral, or stationery store, odds are you should take a trip to Nine Standish Street.

On Dec. 1, the storefront next to Duxbury Pizza officially opened as Nine, a new cooperative of businesses including The Snowy Owl, Gatherings for Home, Nu2u, Celebrations, etc., Snow Interiors, Inc. and Petticoat Junction.

Snow Interiors and Nu2 owner Lauren Smith Snow approached the other four business owners about starting a co-op approach to renting a building in Duxbury. Snow's former business in Montana was in a 7,600-square-foot antique mall featuring 40 dealers.

"I figured, if I could do this with 40 dealers, why not five," she said. "I just corralled us all together so we could each benefit from a co-op approach."

One of the business owners is Betsey Borden of the Snowy Owl, who left her Millbrook Plaza location after 17 years.

"This co-op approach has given me a more affordable way to continue serving my customers in a convenient Duxbury location," she said.

By joining together, Snow said the businesses can afford to operate in a more pleasant and visible location.

"It can be expensive for small businesses to rent commercial space in Duxbury," she said.

Although the store has



Business owners Kate Farrington, Shirley Pittore, Sharon Kowaleski and Lauren Snow Smith brave the snow in front of their newly opened co-operative business, Nine.

been open for less than a month, Snow said there has already been a great response from old and new customers.